(c) Yes, Sir. The case has since been instituted in the court.

Finding of People's Union of Democratic Rights

7776. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Poeple's Union of Democratic Rights have published the findings recently that out of 24 policemen involved in custodial rape cases on 12 women none has been convicted;

(b) whether the department's attention is drawn to the editorial of 'The Hindustan Times' dated 27th May, 1994 that dismissed and suspended policemen involved in the above rape cases arc being reinstated;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that retracing or withdrawal of statements by raped women against policemen were due to tremendous pressures including threat of ouster from their residential areas;

(c) what were the strategems adopted to get withdrawal of statements of rape victims; and

(f) what are the shocking facts revealed by People's Union of Democratic Rights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government has seen the news report.

(c) The policemen allegedly involved in the cases were dismissed from service or placed under suspension. However, some of them have been reinstated on account of their acquittal from the courts or under the directions from the Central Administrative Tribunal.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The P.U.D.R. in its report has *inter-alia* made the following observations:—

i) The victims are intimidated into retracting from their complaints;

ii) The response of the official system ignores the victims vulnerability;

iii) The manner of conduct of trials put extra pressure on the victims;

iv) In a number of cases, judicial pronouncements are patriarchal in nature, and the character of the victim is made an excuse for acquitting the offender or reducing the sentence;

v) There is no organisational support from the Coummunity to the victim.

vi) The victim suffers from stigma and ostracizationandseeks anonymity and withdraws from the trial.

vii) In most of the cases, the victims are slum dwellers. The nexus between the policemen and local leaders provides the policemen with extra clout and also access to the victims.

बंगलादेशी एजेंटों द्वारा तोड़फोड़ की गतिविधियां

7777. **प्रो॰विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 27 मई, 1994 के "टाइम्स आफ इंडिया" में "5 बंगलादेशी एजेन्ट्स